

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Page 1, after the title of the invention insert the following heading:**

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

**Page 2, before the first full paragraph insert the following heading**

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

**Page 5, before the first paragraph insert the following heading:**

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

**Page 5, after the sixth full paragraph insert the following heading:**

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION--.

**Page 5, delete the last paragraph in its entirety and insert the following new**

**paragraph:**

The adjustable self-closing hinge 1 illustrated in Figure 1 comprises a first hinge part 2 arranged to be mounted to a door or gate 43 and a second hinge part 34 arranged to be mounted to a vertical support, in particular to a pole 5.

**Page 6, delete the last paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 and replace with the following new paragraph:**

To render the hinge self-closing, a helical torsion spring 1817 is applied over the hinge shaft 10 so that its longitudinal axis coincides with the first rotation axis 15. The torsion spring 18 has a first end 19 fixed with respect to the first hinge part 2 (the first end 19 of the spring 18 is arranged in a hole (not shown) in the bottom of the head portion 16 of the hinge shaft 10) and a second end 20 fixed with respect to the hinge shaft 10 to exert a moment onto the first hinge part 2. The torsion spring 18 has a first end 19 fixed with respect to the first hinge part 2 and a second end 20 fixed with respect to the hinge shaft 10 (the second end 20 of the spring 18 is arranged in

a hole (not shown) in the bottom of the head portion 16 of the hinge shaft 10 to exert a moment onto the first hinge part 2. In this way, the first hinge part 2 rotates against the action of the torsion spring 18 with respect to the hinge shaft 10 when opening the door or gate 4 and the door or gate 4 is closed back under the action of the torsion spring 18.

**Page 12, delete the first full paragraph and insert the following new paragraph:**

As can be seen in Figure 6, the construction of the coupling element 21 and of the screw-like element 24 is different from the construction of these elements in the previous embodiment. In the embodiment of Figures 56 and 67 the screw-like element is a worm 24 which can freely rotate in a hole 40 in an upper portion 38 of the first hinge part housing 12 and which co-operates with a worm wheel 39 provided on the upper side of the coupling element 21. Rotation of the worm 24 around its rotation axis 25, which is perpendicular to the hinge axis 15, causes the coupling element 21 to rotate around the rotation axis 23. The worm 24 also serves to fix the coupling element 21 in the first hinge part. The entry of the hole 40 is large enough to enable to insert the worm 24 in this hole after having inserted the coupling element 21 in the first hinge part housing 12. The entry of the hole 40 is moreover provided with an internal screw thread so that a small screw 41 can be screw therein until it abuts the worm 24 to prevent any movement of the worm 24.